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## MARGINAL COLUMN By NISSIM REJWAN

### AS TURKEY DEMANDS PARTITION U.K. Reinforces Troops in Cyprus

NICOSIA, Saturday. — The first of about 3,500 British paratroopers arrived by air today to bolster the 10,000 troops already in Cyprus, as the Turkish Government told the U.N. that partition was the only solution to the island's crisis. (See next column.)

#### BULLETIN NEW PLAN REJECTED

ANKARA, Saturday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Fatin Zorlu, today handed the British Ambassador a note rejecting Britain's plan to settle the Cyprus dispute.

The note reiterated that Turkey will only accept the partition of the island and holds Britain responsible for the current situation.

Latest casualty figures are 12 Greeks and two Turks killed and 147 Greeks, 31 Turks, seven Britons and two Armenians injured.

Britain is due to announce on Tuesday her plans for the future of Cyprus.

Cyprus was officially reported quiet today, one of this year's hottest days.

#### Double Evacuation

Streets in Nicosia were deserted as the only traffic consisted of lorries piled high with household belongings of Greeks moving out of the Turkish quarter and Turks leaving the Greek side of Nicosia's old city.

British troops escorted the lorries to prevent any incidents.

In Ankara, last night, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Zorlu, received the British Ambassador, Sir James Bowker for a 25-minute talk at Mr. Zorlu's request.

It is officially reported that Turkey is opposed to the new British plan and would not accept it.

In Athens, Archbishop Makarios confirmed last night that he had received a letter from the Governor of Cyprus, Sir Hugh Foot, and a copy of the British proposals. The archbishop, leader of the Greek Union with Greece, said that they were "developing successfully."

Macmillan: Time Will Prove Us Right

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan returned this morning from Ottawa, he told reporters he had been in touch with President Johnson and Canada's Prime Minister John Diefenbaker during his one-week visit to North America.

Britain and the U.S. were not trying to impose their ideas on the free world but to put them at the service of that world, he said. A high degree of success in the military sphere has already been reached by the two powers and he thought they were developing in the economic and political spheres which were becoming increasingly important in the battle of ideologies.

Aked whether Britain would go ahead with its plan for Cyprus, to be announced next week, regardless of opposition from Britain and Turkey, Mr. Macmillan said he himself had given a great deal of thought to the plan and "time will prove us right."

Contacted through an Archibishop's councilor, the Archbishop described as "childish" British newspaper reports that he had asked Abdul Nasser to supply modern Russian arms to EOKA, the Greek Cypriot terrorist organization.

Some 800 Athens students clashed with police to night when they attempted to hold mass rally in defiance of a police ban. The students shouted "Long live EOKA, death to Turkey, give us arms."

Nurock Leaves Post in Sydney

SYDNEY, Saturday (INA). — Mr. Max Nurock, who has retired from the Israeli Diplomatic Corps after serving years as Minister to Australia, left on Thursday night.

Many tributes were paid by the Jewish Community, the Government Diplomatic Corps and the Governor General. Mr. Zeev Dovar, First Secretary, is now Charge d'Affaires pending the arrival of the new Minister, expected to be Mr. Moshe Yuval.

W. Nigerian Agriculture Minister Arrives

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — "I've heard so much about Israel, especially from Foreign Minister Meir during his visit to Nigeria, that I decided not to go out of my seat any longer," declared the West Nigerian Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Chief Gabriel Akindele, on his arrival in Israel yesterday.

He will stay in Israel for two weeks and will tour agricultural settlements and development projects. (Itim/)

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### Stalinists Flee Yugoslavia To Act from Albania

BELGRADE, Saturday (UPI). — Ten Yugoslav Stalinists fled to Albania a fortnight ago to carry on anti-Tito activities, a Government spokesman said today.

Security police have rounded up another group of Stalinists, and criminal proceedings against them have already started against them for aiding the fugitives, he said.

Other reports added that several other Stalinists fled to Hungary and Bulgaria. The spokesman did not confirm these reports. He said the 10 who went to Albania planned to start "hostile action abroad" against Yugoslavia.

Both the fugitives and those now under arrest had previously served long terms of imprisonment for opposing Tito's break with the Kremlin in 1948.

The spokesman said foreign newspaper reports of mass arrests in Yugoslavia were untrue. He said only a few had been taken into custody by security police, and all of them had previously served prison terms for their anti-state activities.

#### Nasser to Belgrade Next Month

BELGRADE, Saturday (Reuter). — The Yugoslav Government today declared that Abdul Nasser will come to Yugoslavia early in July. The Government spokesman, Mr. Jasak Potre, said the details about the visit were being worked out.

Commenting on the talks, Mr. Nasser's Egyptian economic team was in progress in Cairo, he said that they were developing successfully."

Zeta No Good For Industry

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Britain's hopes of unlimited cheap power from the Zeta nuclear power station received a severe set-back today when it was reported that most of the atomic particles produced by Zeta, the machine built to harness hydrogen power, come from a process which could not produce industrial power.

The Finance Minister announced last night that a new state loan, pegged to gold, would be available on June 17.

This is the first financial move to put the economy on a firm footing. Bonds which mature over 34 years are being issued in denominations ranging from 10,000 to 1m. £.

In a televised broadcast to the nation last night, Gen. de Gaulle appealed for national unity to end the crisis and for Frenchmen to give evidence of this by backing the loan.

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### U.S. Ambassador Visits Ben-Gurion in T.A.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Prime Minister received the American Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, at his home today for what was described by an informed source as a "friendly review of the situation."

It is understood that Mr. Ben-Gurion had asked the U.S. Ambassador to call on him during his week-end in Tel Aviv as the two had not met for quite a long time. No particular significance should be ascribed to the meeting. The Jerusalem Post learned.

There was no urgency about the informal discussion, which is similar to others at which the Prime Minister — or the Minister for Foreign Affairs — have held in Tel Aviv from time to time.

Present were Mr. Yosef Tekoh, Director of the Armaments Affairs Division of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. William Hamilton, First Secretary at the U.S. Embassy.

The fact that Mr. Tekoh was present would indicate that armistice affairs were one of the topics discussed.

#### The Kelly Appeal

Why the Supreme Court rejected the appeal of the former Medical Advisor to the Ministry of Justice, Dr. Shimon Kelly, is explained in a detailed summary of the judgment in today's Jerusalem Post Law Report (Pg. 2).

First 60 UJA Delegates Come

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — The first group of 60 American Jewish communal leaders coming for the United Jewish Appeal's 20th anniversary conference in Jerusalem arrived by El Al tonight to tour the country, prior to joining the rest of 500 Americans who will attend the three-day conference sessions opening on June 24.

Five more groups are due by air during the next six days.

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### As seeds yield harvest

Savings yield capital

Save through —

• Haachon Amami

• Tagmulim L'Amaim

• Agudat Dan Ha'chan

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### USSR Agrees To Technical Talks On Test Probes

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Russia has agreed that experts from six countries should meet in Geneva from July 1 to study means of detecting nuclear explosions, Tass reports.

An aide memoire in reply to President Eisenhower's letter, June 10, was handed yesterday to the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Llewellyn Thompson.

Tass said U.S., Britain, France, Czechoslovakia and Poland would be represented at the meeting.

The aide memoire, however, expressed regret that agreement had not been reached that Indian experts should also be present from the start.

It also said that the Soviet Government did not object to the use of the U.N. Scientific Committee in technical matters or to minutes being taken at the start.

M. Soustelle, today conferred with M. Jacques Soustelle, key political figure behind developments in France's relationship with her overseas territories where demands for full independence are increasing.

M. Soustelle, it was understood, also reported on the mood of the Algiers political leaders, some of whom are disillusioned with the General's handling of affairs.

Col. Maurice Lachery, head of the information service of Gens. Raoul Salan, de Gaulle's delegate in Algeria, arrived by air for Algiers, saying "every misunderstanding between the home country and Algeria seems to be finally dissipated."

Soviet Requested

Officials at the Premier's office yesterday said the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Sergi Vinogradov, had asked to see Gen. de Gaulle, and a spokesman said Premier Khrushchev of Russia was probably sending a letter.

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### U.N. Observers Off to Border

Maj.-Gen. E. Bull of Norway has been appointed by the U.N. Secretary-General to head a team of observers in the Lebanon.

The announcement was made as the second group of U.N. observers — a Dane, a Norwegian and two Dutchmen — arrived in Beirut yesterday, bringing the total number to 10.

The observers are due to be seconded from the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization in Jerusalem.

Yesterday, five observers

prepared to visit the Syrian frontier to carry out their task, convinced that there is no illegal infiltration of arms smuggling across the border.

Gen. Bull is one of the three men of "wide political or military experience" appointed by Mr. Dag Hammarskjold to supervise the observer operations.

The other two are reported to be Mr. Galo Plaza

of Ecuador and Mr. Rajeswar Dyal of India.

The London "News Chronicle" reported yesterday that Britain and the U.S. are prepared to resort to armed intervention if the Lebanese situation does not improve.

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### U.N. SCOPUS ENVOY IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Andrew Cordier, special representative of the U.N. Secretary-General for Mount Scopus affairs, arrived in Jerusalem yesterday at 6 p.m.

He had been expected back

from Tel Aviv on June 14.

The first Vautour took to the air on April 30, 1958.

There are three main types —

one a single-seater for close support, two-seater for

target bombing and all-weather

reconnaissance. The last variety can

carry 240 rockets.

The Vautour has a span

of almost 50 feet, its length

is 51 feet and its height

14 feet.

CONSERVATIVE KEEP SEATS, LOST VOTES

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Government Conservative Party retained its seat in two by-elections over the weekend (South Ealing, London, and Argyll, Scotland) but with considerably reduced majorities.

The Conservatives made by

Qwest-Aviation, is somewhat

heavier and faster than Dassault's Mystere which proved

itself against MiG-15's in the

Sinai Campaign. Each of its

two-turbo-jet engines is

slightly more powerful than

Mystere's one engine.

What is more important is

that its ceiling is 50,000

feet — 10,000 feet more than

which Russia's Ilyushin

28 light attack bomber is credited.

The initial climbing rate of a Vautour is

an incredible 13,800 feet per

minute, in range, however,

the Vautour is credited with

a range of 2,000 miles, while the Ilyushin

is believed to have a

2,000 mile range. The Ilyushin's reported armament is

as follows:

• Two 30mm guns

• Two 20mm guns

• Two 57mm rockets

• Two 5

**Attention Visitors!**  
**MALBEN—JDC**  
**"Open House"**  
**Tuesday, June 17**  
**from**  
**2.30-6 p.m.**  
**at the**  
**NEVE AVOT**  
**VILLAGE FOR AGED**  
**COME and SPEND**  
**A LITTLE TIME**  
**WITH US**

### Social & Personal

The group of British Pioneer Women now touring Israel was last week received by the Mayor of Haifa and Jerusalem, and yesterday by Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi at the President's House. The organized part of the tour ends on June 18.

An exhibition of the works of Naum Gutman at the Jerusalem Artists House was opened yesterday by Mayor Goren-Agron. The exhibition of 40 water colours and oils will be on show for a fortnight.

The Mayor of Pittsburgh and Mrs. David Lawrence were received by the Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office and Mrs. Theodore Koller, when he was on Saturday morning. On Friday the Lawrences visited the Hebrew University, and later were the dinner guests of the Director of the Bond office in Israel and Mrs. Leo Krown. Among those present were the Political Counsellor to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Mr. Reuven Shiloah.

Dr. Emanuel Appelbaum, Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Hebrew University Post-graduate Medical School, will lecture on "Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Bacterial Meningitis" under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, the Hadassah Medical Organization and the Israel Medical Association, tonight at 7.45, in Lecture Hall "A" of the Medical School.

Dr. Imanous Olszanger, Honorary President of the Dante Alighieri Society, will lecture (in Italian) on "Economy—Finance and the Italian Renaissance" before the Dante Alighieri Society, Terra Sancta College, Jerusalem, tonight at 8.45. Italian documentary films will precede the lecture.

The exhibition of photographs by Nat Sutcliffe will continue until June 25 at the Z.O.A. House for an extended period, between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m., until Wednesday, June 25.

**HEBREW ACADEMY RE-ELECT OFFICERS**  
 The Hebrew Language Academy, at its last meeting, re-elected its outgoing executive for another term of office: Prof. N.-H. Tur-Sinai (President), Dr. Yaakov Cohen (Vice-President), Prof. Z. Ben-Haim, Mr. E. Y. Kutscher, Prof. H. J. Polotsky and Mr. S. Yelin.

Dr. Aharon Mirsky, Dr. S. Periman and Mr. A. Shoshany were elected members of the Academy.

### Cinemas

**JERUSALEM**  
 ARNON: Jet Pilot.  
 EDEN: Something of Value.  
 THE OR: Closed for renovation.  
 ORION: The Last Litmus.  
 ORNA: A Farewell to Arms.  
 RON: And God Created Woman.  
 ...

ON THE: The Life of Mozart.  
 ZION: Hall. Die Deutsche Meister.

EDISON: Sayona.

STUDIO: The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit.

**TEL AVIV**

ALLENBY: Town on Trial.

ARMON DAVID: Ket Valemot.

CHEN: Il Ferriero.

DAN: Isabelle a Four de Rame.

EDEN: Don't Tell Anyone.

ESTHER: Slender.

GAT: Malva.

MAXIM: The Green Man.

MINOR: The Last Parrot.

MOGABE: Three Faces of Eve.

OPHIR: Cargaison Blanche.

ORION: Die Unentschuldigte Stunde.

PIER: The Girl Bush.

SHDROTH: Fuhrmann Hensel.

TAMAR: Ultimo Capo.

TEL AVIV: Bernardine.

THEL: Lastant Buongiorno.

YAHON: Maedchenkinder.

Koenig.

ZAMIR: Untamed Youth.

**HAIFA**

PIER: The White Man.

MORIAH: Paris Palace Hotel.

ARMON: The Bolshoi Ballet.

EDEN: Attack.

OPHIR: The Spanish Gardner.

ARMON: April Love.

ORON: Der Heirat Geiger.

GAL: Nagana, Mats. Last Command.

ORION: The Cranes are Flying.

ATMOS: Wedding Party.

RAY: Bedevilled.

**EMERGENCY PHARMACIES**

JERUSALEM: Meyer, Jaffa Rd.

TEL AVIV: Geula, 10 Allenby.

6275 Shilman, 47 Ahad Ha'am.

4001 Magall, 80 Ben Yehuda.

2358 Shor, 54 King George.

1000 Ramat Gan, 1000.

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26 Ramat Yishak, 7149.

TEKAV: 18 Hevel Zion.

REBOVOT: 8000, 134 Herzl.

REZON: Krollen, Holon.

HAIFA: Rapport, 20 Herzl.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Goren-Agron.

22 Min-Nun, 6265, Tel Aviv.

26 Keren Kayemet, 6000, Dr.

Shor, 40 Rashi.

TEL AVIV: Dr. Har-Even, 35

Shmekin, 2541.

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### LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post  
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In the Supreme Court  
 Sitting as Court of  
 Criminal Appeal

Before Justices Agranat,  
 Goren-Agron and Witkin.

Shimon Goren-Agron,  
 General (Dr. A. 187/57).

Kelly Guilty of Giving  
 False Certificate

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a decision of the Jerusalem District Court, delivered on October 1, 1957 (in Cr. C. 161/57).

Dr. Shimon Kelly had been examined by the District Court with regard to five medical certificates which were given to him by his patients. The physician, however, had by his own testimony, not examined the patient physically and had conversed with him for not more than 15 minutes. But, Justice Agranat continued, from the evidence of those same examinations, it appears that a physical examination consists of three processes: a physical examination of the patient's case history and a mental examination by means of conversation with the patient.

Justice Agranat went on to say that a psychiatric examination consists of three processes: a physical examination of the patient's case history and a mental examination by means of conversation with the patient.

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**GENERAL de Gaulle** is on the way to putting the rebellious European population of Algeria in its place. In doing so, he has shown courage, firmness, and understanding and is clearly determined not to be treated as a fellow conspirator.

He has disappointed the Algerian mob and the civilian insurgents, who at the end of the General's first address to them started once again the chant of "Souselle, Souselle," but everyone knew that M. Jacques Soustelle, the right-wing ex-Governor General, would not be appointed Minister for Algeria. General de Gaulle is sure of the Army's loyalty. The soldiers joined the insurrection not in the defence of settlers' privileges but because they were weary of seeing their efforts and sacrifices thrown away. But there are still many questions left unanswered.

Although General de Gaulle made it clear that from now on Moslems and Europeans would have completely equal voting rights, he left open the form which the future political representation of Algeria will take. He has also said nothing about how France can bear the enormous economic burden of bringing the living standards of the Moslem population of Algeria up to the level of the Europeans, especially when France is about to enter the European Common Market. This now is the vitally important problem.

France's commerce with Algeria produces an annual trading gain of \$33 million, but this is a drop in the bucket compared with the cost of French rule in Algeria. It is the latter cost running into hundreds of millions of dollars that has been crippling France. De Gaulle has already had to take the humiliating step of asking Washington to defer France's repayment of the money she owes the United States. Only a few months ago France had to be saved from bankruptcy brought on by this Algerian drain.

De Gaulle wants France to be great. He knows she cannot be great if she dissipates her substance fighting a hopeless and endless war. The generals who brought de Gaulle to power also know this. They, too, want France to be great. They just don't want to have their country's withdrawal from Algeria labelled as another humiliating defeat.

Those who are irrevocably and futilely opposed to a French withdrawal are the one million European settlers who enjoy a status as first-class citizens amid the Moslems who are second-class citizens. The settlers' power has been, to a great extent, the 30 settler-controlled Deputies in the French Assembly. In the fragmented French Parliament 30 votes counted heavily. But with Parliament on holiday and de Gaulle invested with full powers, the settlers can do nothing that is as long as de Gaulle and the Army remain firm, and latest developments show no weakening of the General's position.

The settlers can be troublesome but they will have to acquiesce to an eventual French withdrawal, if that is what de Gaulle is driving at. The settlers could never succeed from France and run in North Africa a replica of the Union of South Africa. There are only a million settlers. They could not field more than 100,000 men. The French Army in Algeria numbers half a million. Moreover, the settlers could never pay, in addition to the \$150 million they pay in taxes in a year the additional millions Algeria costs France at present. Perhaps the settlers' intransigence had resulted from the essential weakness of their own confessions. This week-end's confessions in Paris would appear to indicate that they are beginning to submit to reason.

## TMT Present New Factor in Cyprus

By JOHN ROWLEY

NICOSIA, (OFTNS), — ONE question stands out in Cyprus where racial riots and murder have filled every town with patrolling troops, and for almost a week shut nearly half a million people in under strict curfew.

What, first of all, is the Turkish terrorist organization, TMT, which now appears to have become a greater threat than the Greek terrorist organization, EOKA? Itself — but which is not yet proscribed by the Cyprus Government?

The policy both in Whitehall and Government House in Cyprus has for years has played off the Turkish minority against the Greeks. TMT, or the "Turkish Resistance Organization," was born only last November 29 when it took on the mantle of the proscribed Volcan underground organization. Volcan, according to leaflets circulated throughout the island, "had performed its task."

The new organization, the leaflets said, "is ready to provide the people of the Turkish community against any kind of attacks" while "traitors to the struggle" would be crushed.

### "No Knowledge"

Asked what the Government intended to do about TMT the answer then was that the Government had no knowledge of the organization, though it admitted knowledge of the leaflets it has persisted in this attitude despite a further series of leaflets elaborating on the "Partition or Death" slogan, fierce Turkish rioting in January and more recently a series of left-wing Turkish murders.

Even now, after outbreaks of riot, arson and murder which independent observers believe was organized by the Turkish underground, a Government spokesman told me that no measures were being taken to ban TMT. Incidentally it was the success of the carefully-timed January riots in swaying the Ankara talks which the Governor of Cyprus, Sir Hugh Foot, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, had with the Turkish Government left the Turks freshly contemptuous of British authority — and helped pave the way to the present trouble.

For then, as in the latest disorders, the police riot squad built up to deal with the Greek Cypriot trouble proved hopelessly ineffective. The trouble is that these police have been recruited mainly from Turkish Cypriots, for most of the three years of disorder in Cyprus the Turks cooperated loyally with the British security forces and had been built into a

large and important element in the security system against EOKA. But now EOKA has virtually suspended its terrorist tactics, and the violence comes from the Turks bent on partition of the island.

It was not until after the Turks had marched into the Greek quarter that the police finally took action. Turkish casualties at the stage were only two, including an auxiliary policeman. When the police did act 50 Greeks were arrested and 30 Turks. Army riot squads were rushed into the city but were not sent in. I saw them soon after the week's clashes, still squatting in the shadows as a tiny, bare-boned army. The streets could have been cleared before fire-raisers did their work. Observers believe that the Government's tolerance of Turkish propaganda (which is far more violent than that of the jammed Ammos Radio) largely to blame for TMT's success in inciting a rabble-rousing.

Last week's riots, for instance, were boldly and openly prefaced by a speech from Raouf Denktash, chairman of the Association of Turkish Federations, and the right-hand man of the Cypriot-Turkish leader, Dr. Fazil Küçük, whom he accompanied to Ankara for talks with the Government.

On his return from Ankara last week Denktash declared that if Britain insisted on self-government for the Turks in the community "they will force us to take up arms and fight." It has now been revealed that Denktash, who was acting Solicitor-General before he returned to politics, still receives pay from the Cyprus Government. He is retained on the legal staff.

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Yours, etc.,  
A LOS ANGELES TOURIST  
(Name and Address Supplied)  
Tel Aviv, June 1.

### Readers' Letters

#### TOURISTS AND PRICES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, We are tourists from Los Angeles, California, and have already spent a month in beautiful Israel and expect to spend another two months here. We ride in buses and mix with Israelis and talk to them and are thrilled with everything we have seen up to now, but one thing sort of bugs me. I don't want to get off my mule.

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Therefore, had your correspondent checked the announcement which he mentions in his letter, he would undoubtedly have saved himself the trouble of writing, as not all the aggravation.

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RICHARD LAUFER  
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Public Information Officer  
Internal Revenue Commission  
Jerusalem, May 15.

## Parliamentary Report

# Rabbis' Writ Without Public Control

By Aryeh Rubinstein

ALTHOUGH one may deplore the practice, there is nothing particularly unusual about a Minister giving an evasive reply to a parliamentary question, or avoiding giving a reply altogether. There was an example of this only last Wednesday when the Minister of Commerce, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, told a questioner that there will undoubtedly be other occasions on which the problem of subsidies can be thrashed out, and I prefer not to discuss the subject in the context of a parliamentary question.

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Does the Minister agree that under the circumstances the hechsher constitutes a means of pressure to achieve ends which the laws of the State do not regard as legal?

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Is the Minister prepared to intervene immediately in order to prevent the granting, refusal to grant, or cancellation of kashrut certificates?

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To any reasonable person, whether Orthodox or not, it would seem that if the Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, replied to a question by Dr. Hanan Rubin about the validity of the certificate of kashrut given to the two hotels in Jerusalem by the hechsher of Mr. Schiff's hotels had been cancelled strictly on the merits of the case and without any reference to the swimming pool, such a reply would have been given. The fact that it was not is far more eloquent than the actual answer, which removes all doubt that pressure is being exerted on Mr. Schiff to withdraw the certificate of the Nafot Kartot and Agudat Yisrael with regard to the swimming pool. (The National Religious Party seems to be along rather half-heartedly.)

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